

The Wildlife Information Centre: <http://www.wildlifeinformation.co.uk/>

TWIC are the Local Biological Records Centre for lothians, borders, Stirling, Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park. The TWIC Spring Conference takes place on 28th April 2018 from 10-4 at Sauchie Hall, Alloa and is free of charge to attend, but advance booking essential. TWIC also run and promote a range of regular wildlife recording excursions throughout the year and are running four wildlife surveys to gather records of easy to identify species that would benefit from further recording efforts (hedgehog, badger, raptors and spiders).

There is a fantastic page on the TWIC website that has links to a huge range of local wildlife groups, national wildlife groups and recording schemes, other conservation organisations and local authority biodiversity action plans, so rather than replicating it, please head over to http://www.wildlifeinformation.co.uk/links_page.php for a browse!

Fife Nature Records Centre: <http://beautiful.fife.scot/fife-nature-records-centre/>

This is the center of reference for information relating to the biodiversity of the Kingdom of Fife. They hold species records, details of sites designated for their natural heritage value, and run a range of surveys included hedgehogs and bluebells.

Here are a few others to get you started:

British Arachnological Society: <http://britishspiders.org.uk/>

BAS run the Spider recording scheme, the Scottish Spider Search and will help to ID tricky species. Their website lists and briefly reviews ID guides.

Buglife Scotland: <https://www.buglife.org.uk>

Buglife run citizen science surveys for oil beetles, glow worms, wood ants and more. You can take part in work parties on a range of different habitats.

Butterfly Conservation Scotland: <https://butterfly-conservation.org/842/scotland.html>

There are regional branches that run events, work parties on sites that are important for butterflies and moths and plenty of ad-hoc and regular surveys to take part in.

Bumblebee Conservation Trust: <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/>

BCT has great online ID resources and bee information. They run events and you can volunteer to regularly walk a transect (bee walk) to record bees.

Botanical Society of the British Isles: <https://bsbi.org/>

BSBI deliver training, run the New Year Plant Hunt and the National Plant Monitoring Scheme (<https://bsbi.org/npms>) , help to ID plants on twitter via #wildflowerhour and review wildflower ID books currently on the market.

British Bryological Society: <http://rbg-web2.rbge.org.uk/bbs/bbs.htm>

BBS promote the study of mosses and liverworts with field meetings, a magazine and share ways to record.

British Phycological Society: <http://www.bpsalgalrecords.com/>

Get involved in recording and mapping seaweeds throughout the British Isles – they are increasingly concerned about changes to seaweed flora due to climate change, increases in non-native species and other factors.

BTO: <https://www.bto.org/>

Breeding Bird Surveys, Garden Birdwatch, Wetland Bird Survey and many more. Also promotes recording of sightings via **BirdTrack**: <https://app.bto.org/birdtrack/main/data-home.jsp>

Capturing Our Coast: <https://www.capturingourcoast.co.uk/>

Get involved with recording marine species found in and by the sea. CoCoast has a range of special research projects and 7 training hubs – including in Scotland!

Earthworm Society of Britain: <https://www.earthwormsoc.org.uk/>

Plenty of guidance on how to record and ID earthworms so that they and their environment can be better understood.

Hoverfly Recording Scheme: <http://www.hoverfly.org.uk//portal.php>

Lots of species information, forums for discussion and ways to take part in building knowledge of hoverfly ecology and distribution.

Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels: <https://scottishsquirrels.org.uk/>

A partnership project seeking both red and grey squirrel sightings.

Scottish Badgers: <http://www.scottishbadgers.org.uk/>

Training, surveys and plenty of information about badgers, their setts and natural habitats.

Scottish Fungi: <https://sites.google.com/site/scottishfungi/home>

A hub of information about fungi with links to those who record fungi in Scotland.

Moths Count: <http://www.mothscount.org/>

The national moth recording scheme.

Other useful links:

iSpot: <https://www.ispotnature.org/>

A friendly and free community helping to identify wildlife and share nature.

iRecord: <https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>

Register an account, download the app to your device, select an activity and start submitting your records from across the UK.

Glasgow Natural History Society: <https://www.glasgownaturalhistory.org.uk/>

Edinburgh Natural History Society: <http://www.edinburghnaturalhistorysociety.org.uk/index.html>

Field Studies Council: <https://www.field-studies-council.org/>

Courses, ID guides and centres with great staff.

Scottish Wildlife Trusts local groups: <https://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/local-groups/>

Conservation work, fundraising, walks, talks, events and local recording.

RSPB local groups and volunteering opportunities: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/>

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